STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 5, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to increasing the dollar value of items that may legally be given or provided to any person, other than persons who are official representatives of the board of elections or political parties and committees and persons who are engaged as watchers, in a polling place without any identification of the person or entity supplying such provisions

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-140 of the election law, as amended by chapter 414 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-140. Furnishing money or entertainment to induce attendance at polls. Any person who directly or indirectly by himself or through any other person in connection with or in respect of any election during the hours of voting on a day of a general, special or primary election gives or provides, or causes to be given or provided, or shall pay, wholly or in part, for any meat, drink, tobacco, refreshment or provision to or for any person, other than persons who are official representatives of the board of elections or political parties and committees and persons who are engaged as watchers, party representatives or workers assisting the candidate, except any [~~such meat,~~] drink, [~~tobacco,~~] refreshment or provision having a retail value of less than [~~one dollar~~] **five dollars**, which is given or provided to any person in a polling place without any identification of the person or entity supplying such provisions, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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